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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A gene encoding a protein essentially consisting in the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.
2. A gene according to claim 1 said gene being from a species selected from the group consisting of human, mouse, rat and yeast.
3. A protein essentially consisting in the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.
4. A protein according to claim 3, said protein being from a species selected from the group consisting of human, mouse, rat and yeast.
5. Use of a gene according to claim 1 for the preparation of a medicament for gene therapy, wherein said gene is used as a promoter for overexpressing a gene in a suitable tissue.
6. A method of gene therapy, which comprises the use of a gene according to claim 1 as a promoter for overexpressing a gene in a suitable tissue
7. A method according to claim 7, wherein said promoter consists of a promoter of the gene of claim 1.
8. An antibody raised against a gene according to claim 1.

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9. An antisense oligonucleotide hybridizing to a  
mRNA encoding a protein as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.